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1. PEOPLE'S DAILY JUNE 18 EDITORIAL ON TRAINING CONTINGENTS OF THEORETICIANS BREAKS A LONG EDITORIAL SILENCE-- SINCE MAY 4--- ON THE DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT. HOWEVER, THE EDITORIAL OFFERS LITTLE NEW MATERIAL BEYOND ITS RED FLAG COMMENTARY PREDECESSOR (REFTEL). ITS EMPHASIS ON THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF MARXIST THEORY, AND THE CRITICISM IT LEVELS AT THE IDEA OF TRYING TO KEEP THEORY BOTTLED UP IN LECTURE HALLS AND STUDYS HAS BEEN A FREQUENT SUBJECT IN PROVINCIAL COMMENTARY FOLLOWING RED FLAG'S CALL FOR ORGAIZING ACTIVITS IN THE CAMPAIGN. THE EDITORIAL, HOWEVER, ALSO PICKS UP RED FLAG'S "LEARN WARFARE THROUGH WARFARE" STRICTURE, A THEME WHICH HAS NOT BEEN WIDESPREAD IN PROVINCIAL COVERAGE.

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2. EMPHASIS IS FURTHER GIVEN TO THE GRADUAL AND MEASURED PACE

OF THE MOVEMENT. EXPERIENCE IS TO BE SHARED AND SPREAD " IN GOOD TIME" AND ERRONEOUS IDEA ARISING IN THE MASS MOVEMENT ARE ALSO TO BE REPUDIATED "IN GOOD TIME. THE ONLY MESSAGE IN KEEPING WITH THE CURRENT FLURRY OF WALL POSTER ACTIVITY IS THE EDITORIALS STRESS ON INVOLVEMENT OF THE MASSES IN "GREAT STORMS OF MASS STRUGGLE" AND IN THE "DEEPENING " OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN. "IT IS A ONESIDED VIEW", THE EDITORIAL STATES, "TO REGARD THEORETICAL WORK AS SOMETHING FOR THE PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT ALONE AND THE TRAINING OF THEORETICAL WORKERS AS SOMETHING FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ALONE".
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